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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2880  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 9136.0007-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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VANNIASINKAM, Joseph et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2883
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Application No.: 10/028,419	)	Examiner: KIANNI, Kaveh C.
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Filed: December 21, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 3557
For: GRATING BASED MULTIPLEXER/	)	
DEMULTIPLEXER COMPONENT	)	
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**MAIL STOP AF**  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 6.